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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION ON KISSINGER TRIP

1. MAY 20 LISBON PRESS PROVIDED PROMINENT BACKPAGE SPACE TO PHOTO AND COMBINED AFP/UPI/ANI ARTICLE LISTING DISCUSSION TOPICS OF SALT AND MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS ON AGENDA OF SECSTATE KISSINGER GROMYKO MEETING IN VIENNA. MAY 21 PRESS TREATMENT SAME MEETING GAVE IDENTICAL PLACEMENT TO UPI AND REUTERS-BASED ARTICLES INCLUDING AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS AFTER MEETING AND SECSTATE KISSINGER STATEMENT ON USEFULNESS OF TALKS UNDER HEADLINES ANNOUNCING SOME PROGRESS MADE. ALSO CARRIED WERE AFB/UPI/ANI ARTICLES FEATURING KISSINGER WARNING GROMYKO OF NECESSITY FOR SOVIET MODERATION IN MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. PRESS FAVORABLY SPOTLIGHTED FRONTPAGES SECSTATE KISSINGER IN MEETING WITH PORTMIN FORAFFAIRS MELO ANTUNES IN BONN ON ROLE OF PORTUGAL WITHIN NATO, EXCLUSIVELY PLAYING MELO ANTUNES REMARKS. TV COVERAGE FOLLOWED SAME LINE AS PRESS FOCUSING ON MELO ANTUNES/KISSINGER TALKS REPEATEDLY REPORTED THROUGHOUT MAY 21, ALSO STRESSING MELO ANTUNES REMARKS ON PORTUGAL AS MODERATOR IN DIALOGUE BETWEEN POOR AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, GOP COMMITMENT TO NATO AND DESIRE FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

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2. SAMPLE HEADLINES FOLLOW: MAY 20: SECULO, "SALT AND MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS TOPICS OF DISCUSSION GROMYKO-KISSINGER MEETING IN VIENNA;" A CAPITAL, "GROMYKO-KISSINGER MEETING;" DIARIO DE NOTICIAS, "FIRST GROMYKO-KISSINGER TALKS AFTER VIETNAM LIBERATION;" MAY 21: SECULO, "PORTUGAL IS SUBJECT OF TALKS" AND "LITTLE PROGRESS GROMYKO-KISSINGER DIALOGUE" AND "COMMUNIQUE OF KISSINGER-GROMYKO MEETING;" DIARIO DE NOTICIAS, "RESULTS OF VIENNA CONFERENCE WEAK;" AND "MELO ANTUNES DISCUSSED WITH KISSINGER ROLE OF PORTUGAL IN NATO."

3. MAY 22 ARTICLE DIARIO DE NOTICIAS GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO SUB-HEADLINE STATING MELO ANTUNES ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM KISSINGER TO VISIT U.S.
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